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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY

: Administrative Action

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION OF

CHRISTOPHER SORENSON

TO PRACTICE MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of
Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("Board") upon review of
Christopher Sorenson's application for licensure as a massage

and bodywork therapist. Upon a review of the application, and the results of the Criminal History Background Check, it was ascertained by the Board that in response to the questions relating to arrests and convictions on the application, the applicant indicated that he had never been charged with or convicted of any crime or offense. However, the background check indicated that the applicant had been arrested in 2005 in California and charged with obstruction of a public officer. He was convicted of that offense and was sentenced to 36 months of probation. In 2009, the conviction was set aside and dismissed. Mr. Sorenson claims that he did not intend to provide false information on his application, but that he had forgotten about the incident. Mr. Sorenson also claims he believes the matter was expunged, although he produced no order of expungement.

The Board finds that the applicant knew or should have known that by failing to disclose the fact of his arrest on the application in response to the questions about arrests and/or convictions he was providing misleading information, and that he therefore engaged in misrepresentation on his application in violation of $N.J.S.A.\ 45:1-21(b)$.

The Board finding that licensure as well as entry of the within order are appropriate, and sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 2 DAY OF December, 2015
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. A \$100.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A.}}$ 45:1-21(b). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.
- 2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees and demonstration of satisfaction of all requirements for licensure, if he has not already done so.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By:

Cynthia Sinicropi Philibosian

Chairperson

I have read and understand the Within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Christopher Sorenson